

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HIRASE, Masaki et al.

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING For.

THE SAME

LETTER RE DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

August 29, 2002

Dear Sir:

With the concurrence of the examiner, please amend the drawings of the aboveidentified application as shown in red in the attached copy of Figure 1(e). amendments involve adding the term "Prior Art" to this figure. If any fees are necessitated by the this Letter, such may be charged to Deposit Account 1-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Figure 1(e)